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DURING PAST WEEK FOLLOWING COMMENTS MADE BY INDONESIANS REPRESENTING
ACADEME, MEDIA, STUDENTS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SCHOLARS.
FIRST THREE COMMENTS ARE THOSE MOST FREQUENTLY HEARD:

1. INDONESIANS ARE DISAPPOINTED (THOUGH NOT SURPRISED) BY THE
RESULTS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA BUT THE US SHOULD STOP BLAMING
ITSELF. IT DID MUCH TO HELP VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA AND THEN BASIC CAUSE
OF THE LOSSES OF BOTH WERE CORRUPT LEADERSHIP THERE AND FAILURE TO
GENERATE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE.

2. THERE ARE STILL MANY COMMUNISTS IN INDONESIA WHO WILL TRY TO

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVENTS IN INDOCHINA TO STIR UP TROUBLE BY

EXPLOITING ISSUES OF POVERTY, CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT AND LARGE INCOME DISTRIBUTION GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR. OSTENTATIOUS WEALTH OF PERTAMINA OFFICIALS SINGLED OUT AS EXAMPLE OF GAP.

3. MANY INDONESIANS ARE DOUBTFUL OF LOYALTY CHINESE IN INDONESIA. THEY DON'T AGREE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK'S VIEWS ON DOMINO THEORY. CHINA WILL EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE THROUGH OVERSEAS CHINESE. THIS ONE REASON WHY INDONESIAN WORRIED ABOUT DANGER FROM THE NORTH.

4. ALTHOUGH THE MOSLEM RELIGION IS A STRONG COUNTERFORCE TO COMMUNISM, IT IN ITSELF IS NO GUARANTEE THAT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE CAN BE RESISTED SUCCESSFULLY. EGYPT HAS IN PAST GOTTEN INTO A POSITION OF COOPERATION WITH SOVIET UNION. MAIN PROBLEM NOW IS MIDDLE EAST WHERE CONFLICT MUST BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY. THIS MOST URGENT TO CHECK GROWING INFLUENCE SOVIET UNION.

5. ONE INTELLECTUAL MADE FOLLOWING POINT: US FOREIGN POLICY APPEARS INCONSISTENT TO INDONESIAN EYES..EG US CUTS AID TO INDONESIA AND RAISES ISSUES SUCH AS POLITICAL PRISONERS WHILE AT SAME TIME COOPERATING WITH CHINA AND SOVIET UNION, WITHOUT RAISING SUCH QUESTIONS.

6. INDONESIAN EXPECT TO HAVE CONTINUING ROLE IN SEA AND HOPE US WILL NOT WITHDRAW.

7. COMMENTS MADE BY INDONESIAN INTELLECTUALS DURING INFORMAL SEMINAR WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS INDICATED FOLLOWING: A) FEELING OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO US INTENTIONS IN SEA B) CONFUSION AS TO CURRENT WORKINGS OF US FOREIGN POLICY-MAKING PROCESS PARTICULARLY REGARD ROLE AND GOALS OF CONGRESS C) SOME SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS SINCE THEY AFFECT INDONESIA IN LIGHT OF INDOCHINA EVENTS. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

8. FIRST ISSUE OF THE POST'S NEW SDI "ALERT" SERVICE WITH VERY SATISFYING RESPONSE FROM PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS MAJORITY OF WHOM FROM TOP ECHELONS OF INDONESIAN LEADERSHIP. REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM 31 INDIVIDUALS AND 5 INSTITUTIONS FOR 166 ARTICLES AND 43 BOOKS WITH EMPHASIS FALLING ON INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROBLEMS, LAW OF THE SEA AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AMONG THOSE REQUESTING MATERIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE STATE MINISTER SUDHARMONO, LT GEN HASNAN HABIB, CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARMED FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL LOPULISA, COMMANDER OF THE ARMY STRATEGIC FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL SUGHANDI, CHAIRMAN OF GOLKAR, SECRETARY GENERAL OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING AT THE NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY, A CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF OPEC COMMITTEES AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TAXES. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS SERVICE IS MEETING SPECIFIC INFORMATION NEEDS OF IMPORTANT AUDIENCES IN

FIELDS OF MUTUAL INDONESIAN AND AMERICAN INTEREST.

9. BNC CHOIR IN JOINT CONCERT JAKARTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
PERFORMED BRAHM'S REQUIEM AT RADIO REPUBLIC INDONESIA(RRI) STUDIO
V. THIS SPLENDID EFFORT BROADCAST LIVE OFCER RRI DEW FAVORABLE
COMMENTS MUSICAL CIRCLES AND GENERAL PUBLIC. TIS CONCERT ANOTHER
LINK IN WHAT IS BECOMING A TRADITION OF FINE MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS
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